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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMATS

REF: STATE 189095

ANSWERS KEYED TO FORMAT OF REFTEL

A. YES

B. ONLY ONE TYPE OF THIRD PARTY POLICY IS WRITTEN. IT PROVIDES FOR UNLIMITED LIABILITY AND MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE AN AUTOMOBILE CAN BE REGISTERED IN THE IVORY COAST. THE REQUIREMENT APPLIES EQUALLY TO DIPLOMATS.

C. N/A

D. N/A

E. ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DEATH OR INJURY ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BOTH A CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ASPECT. CIVIL SUITS CAN BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY AGAINST INSURER REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE INSURED. THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTOR DETERMINES QUESTIONS OF CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE BUT PROSECUTION WOULD REQUIRE A WAIVER OF DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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IMMUNITY. INSOFAR AS LOCAL INSURANCE EXECUTIVE WAS AWARE, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CASE IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS TRIED TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST A DIPLOMAT.

F. THIS ARGUMENT COULD NOT BE USED IN A PURELY CIVIL SUIT.

G. N/A

H. YES. ALL POLICIES ARE PURCHASED FROM PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

I. PREMIUMS ARE CALCULATED BASED ON ENGINE SIZE SO CHARGES ARE NOT NECESSARILY HIGHER SIMPLY BECAUSE OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS. INDEED DIPLOMATS NEED NOT PAY GOVERNMENT TAXES ASSESSED ON INSURANCE POLICIES. THUS THEY EFFECTIVELY RECEIVE A DISCOUNT.

J. INSURANCE CONTRACTS ARE STANDARD.

K. SEE PARA E.

L. SEE PARA B.

M. SYSTEM WORKS WELL INSENSE THAT FINANCIAL COMPENSATION CAN BE OBTAINED EVEN IF IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A DIPLOMAT HAS CAUSED THE ACCIDENT. WE ARE AWARE OF NO NOTORIOUS CASES INVOLVING DEPLOMATS IN RECENT YEARS.

N. NO  
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